



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**REGION 10**  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101

December 7, 2004

Reply To  
Attn Of: AWT-107

**Re: Tribal Air Quality Grant Announcement**  
**Initial Proposals to be postmarked by February 9, 2005**

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Air, Waste and Toxics is pleased to announce the availability of FY 2005 Clean Air Act (CAA) grant funding for supporting tribal air quality projects in Region 10. There will be approximately \$1,500,000 available for all Region 10, Air Quality grants, down from about \$2,000,000 in FY 2004. As in the past, we expect that these resources will not be sufficient to meet all the need. These grants will range in size from \$50,000 to \$125,000. Preference will be given to proposals that show the greatest prospect of addressing serious air quality needs and producing clear environmental results, and where past grant performance has been successful.

The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for tribal air pollution control programs, or for projects that support air quality assessment and development of needed tribal air program capacity. Activities conducted under these grants often include: Identification and investigation of air pollution sources, ambient air quality monitoring, development of air pollution control regulations and ordinances, and community education and outreach. All activities must be related to air pollution assessment, prevention and/or control.

The procedure this year will be similar to that of last year and will consist of two stages:

**Stage 1 - Initial Proposal by February 9, 2005:** During the initial stage, all interested tribes must submit a brief Initial Proposal (see enclosure for format), no longer than five pages, including a description of the activities for which the applicant requests funding, the deliverables and environmental results, and a detailed budget. These initial proposals must be post marked no later than **February 9, 2005**, to be considered for FY05 funding.

**Stage 2 - Final Proposal by May 18, 2005:** EPA will notify selected applicants selected March 25, 2005 that they may formally apply. The complete application package with all required information and supporting documents must be submitted to EPA Region 10 no later than **May 18, 2005**. Final awards will be made by September 30, 2005.

Enclosed you will find the "FY2005 -Grant Solicitation Notice" with details on the requirements for the Requests for Initial Proposals and criteria by which proposals will be evaluated. Other guidance can be found on EPA's web site <<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10>> under Air Quality/Tribal Air Program/Grants. We will also be posting the *Tribal Air Grants Framework: Menu of Options*, a guidance tool to assist tribes in developing clear environmental objectives and measurable outcomes for their grant workplans. All final applications must comply with the requirements as outlined in the EPA Grants Handbook, which can be found at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/HOMEPAGE.NSF/webpage/Grants>. Tribes or other organizations selected for funding may be offered less than the amount of funding requested in their proposals.

**Note re Tribes Without Reservations:** Within the context of the limited resources available, individual tribes without reservations, by virtue of having no territorial jurisdiction over which they can assert management authority under the Clean Air Act, will be less competitive for this funding than tribes seeking support to build their capacity to manage, or actually taking steps to manage, the air quality within reservation boundaries, where there is no other regulatory authority. The Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) may be a source of funding for tribes without reservations, as well as for any tribe that may wish to carry-out basic air shed assessment and related activities to determine the nature and severity of air pollution in a tribal community.

All initial proposals, *postmarked no later than February 9, 2005* should be mailed to:

EPA Office of Air, Waste and Toxics  
Attn: Tribal Air Grants Manager  
1200 Sixth Avenue, OAWT-107  
Seattle, WA 98101

They may also be faxed to us at (206) 553-0110. For further information, please contact my staff: Diana Boquist at 206-553-1586; Doug Cole at 208-378-5764; or Mary Manous at 206-553-1059.

Sincerely,



Rick Albright, Director  
Office of Air, Waste and Toxics

Enclosures

cc: Tribal Environmental or Air Contact  
EPA Tribal Coordinators